SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 837 By Finney

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Lacey D. Alford, 2006 Co-Valedictorian of Sevier County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Lacey D. Alford is one such exceptional student who was recently named Co-Valedictorian of the 2006 graduating class at Sevier County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Lacey Alford has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Alford has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Lacey Alford has received numerous awards and honors for her steadfast dedication to scholastic excellence; the 2004-2005 recipient of the National Government and History Teacher's Award, Ms. Alford also received the Honors Biology Department Award, was nominated by her school to serve as a representative for the Governor's School of Science and the Governor's School for the Arts, was elected by her fellow students as the treasurer of the Interact Club, and has served as a member of the Teen Board; and

WHEREAS, listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, Ms. Alford serves as a stellar example of the exceptional student who excels in academics, sports, and community service; her high school resume boasts membership in the National Honor Society, National Junior Beta Club, and National Senior Beta Club; membership on the dance team and cheerleading squad, both of which she served as captain; and participation in numerous community service organizations, including the Special Needs Cheer Squad, which she served

as a volunteer coach, the Boys and Girls Club, which she served as a project manager and tutor, and the Home of Grace Drug and Alcohol Center, which she served as a volunteer performer; and

WHEREAS, Lacey Alford's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Alford's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Gordon and Donna Alford, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Lacey Alford's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2006 Sevier County High School Co-Valedictorian, Lacey D. Alford, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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